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## Celebrities

They once sat where you are now, thinking about their future careers.

Thanks to the world of newspapers, magazines and the Internet, every day we see famous faces doing the jobs they love to do!



## Rules of the Game

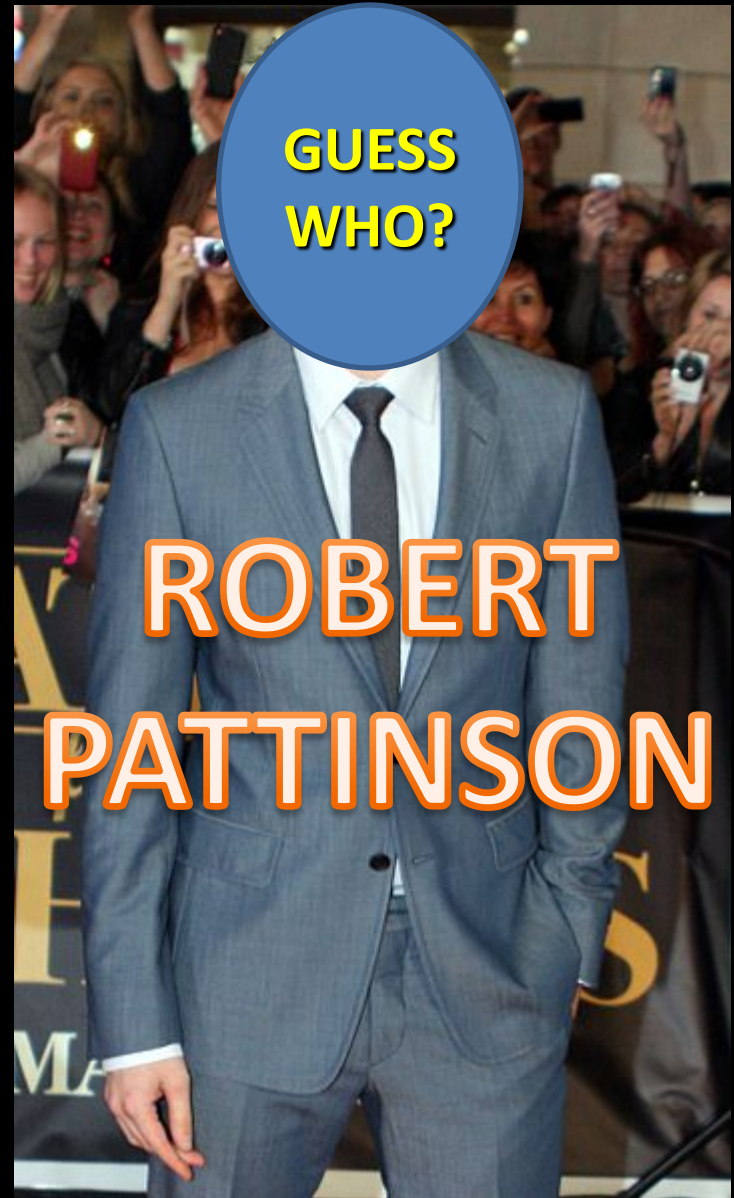
It's simple!

You will be given a description of a celebrity and you have to guess who it is.

Then we'll see what jobs they used to have before they reached stardom.

## Who Am I?

I was born 13 May 1986 in London. I am an English actor, model, musician and producer. I started my career by playing the role of Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Later, I landed the leading role of Edward Cullen in the film adaptations of the *Twilight* novels by Stephanie Meyer, and came to worldwide fame. I was ranked as one of the highest-paid actors in Hollywood in 2009. In 2010, I was named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in The World, and as one of the most powerful celebrities in the world in the *Forbes* Celebrity 100.



## Who Am I?

Born 21 March 1972 in Dublin, I am an Irish celebrity chef, known most widely for my work on TV and as a writer.

At age 18, I went to the Ballymaloe Cookery School. After graduating from the school I cooked at the Ballymaloe House Hotel, and later returned to test recipes and then to teach at the school.

I worked for a while as a caterer in Vancouver before teaching again at Ballymaloe.

In September 2004 RTE broadcast my first series in Ireland, which has also been broadcast in Australia, Italy and elsewhere.



## Who Am I?

Born 10 February 1960, I am a newscaster with RTÉ in Ireland. Raised in Sandymount, Dublin, I attended Newpark Comprehensive School, Blackrock, Dublin – one of the first schools to introduce the Transition Year programme. In it, I presented a half-hour radio programme. After school, I attended a media course in Rathmines College of Commerce. I live in Dublin with my wife and our two children. I previously worked for the Dublin pirate station Radio Nova, hosting its nightly Dublin Today programme.



**GUESS  
WHO?**

**BRYAN  
DOBSON**

## Who Am I?

Born on 8 July 1980, I am a Republic of Ireland international footballer, and also a striker for Los Angeles Galaxy in Major League Soccer. I am the current captain of the Irish national team. Ireland's all-time record goal scorer, I've scored 51 goals for the national side and was the first Irish player to score 50 international goals (in June 2011). With 111 full caps, I am Ireland's second most capped player of all time.

I am also the ninth highest goal scorer in Tottenham Hotspur history and the 10th highest goal scorer in the history of the Premier League, with 123 goals (as of 18 April 2011).



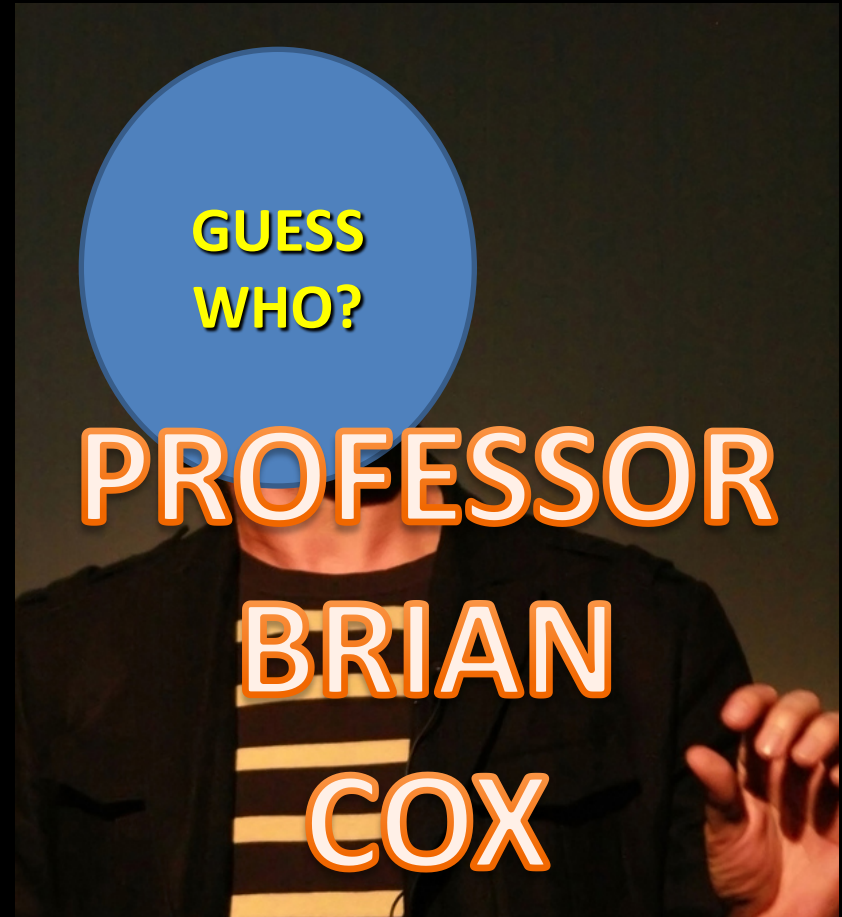


## Who Am I?

Born on 3 March 1968, I am a British particle physicist, a Royal Society University Research Fellow, a professor at the University of Manchester, and hold an OBE.

I work on the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Switzerland. I am working on the R&D project of the FP420 experiment in an international collaboration to upgrade the ATLAS and CMS experiment.

I am best known to the public as the presenter of BBC science programmes. I also had some fame in the 1990s as the keyboard player for the pop band D:Ream.



## Who Am I?

Born on 20 January 1971, I'm an English singer-songwriter, pianist and record producer. I am the frontman and lead vocalist of British pop group Take That and head judge on The X Factor. One of Britain's most successful songwriters, I had two No 1 singles and a No 1 album as a solo artist, and 16 top 5 hits, 11 No 1 singles and seven No 1 albums with Take That. I am also a five-time recipient of the Ivor Novello Award and have sold over 40 million records worldwide with Take That.





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## Before They Were Famous

So how did you do? Did you manage to guess who each 'celebrity' actually was?

As you have seen these are people who pursued a career in the industries that they enjoyed or where their talents were in demand. Not all are actors and singers; there are scientists and newscasters as well!

Now, just for fun, can you guess what each of these next celebrities did before they were famous? Bet you can't ...



## **WHOOPI GOLDBERG**

Whoopi Goldberg actually used to work as a bricklayer and a bank teller.



## **MADONNA**

Madonna worked at a Dunkin' Donuts restaurant at one time.



## **ASHTON KUTCHER**

Ashton Kutcher once pursued a career in biochemical engineering at the University of Iowa. During summers, he worked in the cereal department for a General Mills plant



## **MICK JAGGER**

Mick Jagger used to be a porter in a mental hospital. As a child, he had a summer job selling ice cream from a refrigerated trolley.



## **COLIN FARRELL**

In a 2000 interview, Colin Farrell said he once spent eight months touring Ireland with a dance troupe - teaching line dancing.

Thanks for playing!

There are thousands of courses available (see [careersportal.ie](http://careersportal.ie)) that are sure to involve doing something you like.

Whether you want to be an actor, enjoy sport or think being a scientist is fun – take a look at what is available.

You never know, you could be on a game like this very soon!

